Fund Commentary



Hartford Healthcare Fund

Tickers A: HGHAX C: HGHCX F: HGHFX I: HGHIX R3: HGHRX R4: HGHSX R5: HGHTX R6: HGHVX Y: HGHYX

Morningstar® Category Health Inception Date 05/01/2000

Lipper Peer Group Global Health/Biotechnology

Market Overview

The S&P Composite 1500 Health Care Index rose 8.64% during the quarter, underperforming the broader United States (US) market, as measured by the S&P 500 Index (+10.56%). Within the benchmark, large-cap biopharma stocks outperformed the most, while mid-cap biopharma stocks underperformed during the quarter.

Performance Summary

- The Hartford Healthcare Fund (I Share) underperformed the S&P Composite 1500 Health Care Index during the quarter.
- Sub-sector allocation, a result of our bottom-up stock selection process, was the primary driver of relative underperformance. Allocation effect was driven by our overweight to midcap biopharma and underweight to large-cap biopharma.
- Security selection contributed to relative performance. Strong selection in large- and smallcap biopharma was partially offset by selection in healthcare services.
- At the issuer level, our top two relative detractors were an underweight to AbbVie and an overweight to Humana, while our top two relative contributors were not owning Johnson & Johnson and an overweight to Shockwave Medical.

Positioning & Outlook

- Biopharma remains a rich environment for innovation. We are excited about developments among GLP-1 and next-generation metabolic medicines, ADCs for cancer treatment, and various forms of genetic medicines. We remain discerning in large-cap biopharma, where patent expirations are significant and US drug prices are under pressure from the IRA legislation starting in 2025 (Medicare Part D redesign) and 2026 (negotiated prices). We have been finding opportunities in companies with rich pipelines and strong track records of productive business development. Smid-cap biopharma companies remain attractive as sources of innovation and potential pipeline gap solutions for larger companies. Volatility has created opportunities to add to higher quality companies at attractive prices during the quarter. Recent clinical readouts across therapeutic areas underscore the quality and breadth of the opportunity set today.
- Medical technology innovation has never been stronger due to advancements in technology development, engineering capabilities and integrated informatics. Recent volatility and disruption across the subsector driven by biotech funding uncertainty, large pharma R&D prioritization, China's slowdown, or surgical procedure tailwinds have created investment opportunity. Areas of most interest to us now include interventional cardiology, life science tools, and diagnostics including liquid (blood) biopsy.
- Healthcare services companies are well-positioned to help solve the challenge of rising healthcare costs, and some will benefit from the ongoing transition to a fee-for-value care system. Managed care remains attractive in light of better clarity on cost and Medicaid reenrollment trends. We favor companies focused on improving patient outcomes while reigning in costs.
- At the end of the period, our largest overweight relative to the benchmark was to mid-cap biopharma. We ended the quarter most underweight large-cap biopharma.

Portfolio Managers from Wellington Management

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The portfolio managers are supported by the full resources of Wellington.

Top Ten Holdings (%)

Eli Lilly & Co.	10.98
UnitedHealth Group, Inc.	6.64
Merck & Co., Inc.	6.43
Danaher Corp.	3.76
Stryker Corp.	2.84
Boston Scientific Corp.	2.83
HCA Healthcare, Inc.	2.54
Thermo Fisher Scientific, Inc.	2.51
AbbVie, Inc.	2.41
Vertex Pharmaceuticals, Inc.	2.25
Percentage Of Portfolio	43.19

Holdings and characteristics are subject to change. Percentages may be rounded.

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Performance (%)										
		Average Annual Total Returns					Expenses ¹			
Class	QTD	YTD	1 Year	3 Year	5 Year	10 Year	SI	Gross	Net	
Ā	7.39	7.39	15.81	2.84	9.15	9.74	10.90	1.27%	1.27%	
A with 5.5% Max Sales Charge	_	_	9.44	0.92	7.92	9.12	10.64	_	_	
F	7.51	7.51	16.27	3.22	9.56	10.11	11.18	0.91%	0.91%	
	7.47	7.47	16.14	3.12	9.45	10.04	11.15	1.01%	1.01%	
R3	7.30	7.30	15.42	2.48	8.78	9.38	10.84	1.62%	1.62%	
R4	7.39	7.39	15.83	2.81	9.12	9.71	11.10	1.29%	1.29%	
R5	7.48	7.48	16.11	3.10	9.43	10.03	11.33	1.02%	1.02%	
R6	7.49	7.49	16.24	3.22	9.55	10.15	11.41	0.91%	0.91%	
Υ	7.47	7.47	16.13	3.10	9.47	10.10	11.39	1.01%	1.01%	
S&P Composite 1500 Health Care Index	8.64	8.64	15.41	8.94	11.60	11.66	_	_	_	
Morningstar Category	6.33	6.33	11.04	-0.38	7.51	9.04	_	_	_	
Lipper Peer Group	7.30	7.30	13.92	4.04	10.11	9.50	_	_	_	

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Performance data quoted represents past performance and does not guarantee future results. The investment return and principal value of an investment will fluctuate so that an investor's shares, when redeemed, may be worth more or less than their original cost. Current performance may be lower or higher than the performance data quoted. For more current performance information to the most recent month ended, please visit hartfordfunds.com.

Share Class Inception: A, Y - 5/1/00; F - 2/28/17; I - 8/31/06; R3, R4, R5 - 12/22/06; R6 - 2/28/19. Performance shown prior to the inception of a class reflects performance and operating expenses of another class(es) (excluding sales charges, if applicable). Had fees and expenses of a class been reflected for the periods prior to the inception of that class, performance would be different. Since inception (SI) performance is from 5/1/00. Performance and expenses for other share classes will vary. Additional information is in the prospectus. Only Class A assesses a sales charge.

S&P Composite 1500 Health Care Index comprises those companies included in the S&P Composite 1500 that are classified as members of the GICS health care sector. Indices are unmanaged and not available for direct investment.

Important Risks: Investing involves risk, including the possible loss of principal. Security prices fluctuate in value depending on general market and economic conditions and the prospects of individual companies. • Risks of focusing investments on the healthcare related sector include regulatory and legal developments, changes in funding or subsidies, patent and intellectual property considerations, intense competitive pressures, rapid technological changes, long and costly process for obtaining product approval by government agencies, potential product obsolescence, rising cost of medical products and services, and price volatility risk. • Small- and mid-cap securities can have greater risks and volatility than large-cap securities. • Foreign investments may be more volatile and less liquid than U.S. investments and are subject to the risk of currency fluctuations and adverse political, economic and regulatory developments. These risks may be greater, and include additional risks, for investments in emerging markets.

Investors should carefully consider a fund's investment objectives, risks, charges and expenses. This and other important information is contained in a fund's full prospectus and summary prospectus, which can be obtained by visiting hartfordfunds.com. Please read it carefully before investing.

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